

# STORIES of AMERICAN CITIES

## Now Meet "Elsie Smith," Typewriter



CHICAGO.—The Windy City is having a reform spasm—of sorts—and all sorts of municipal graft stories are coming to light. Just now the common people are laughing over "Elsie Smith." It appears that "Elsie's" name first appeared upon the pay roll of the Municipal Contagious Disease hospital in October, 1921. She's been drawing \$80 a month as a typewriter ever since. Her address was 2313 Federal street, which turns out to be an automobile salesroom.

The superintendent of the hospital is Dr. Arthur E. Gammage, who draws \$5,000 a year. A. E. Webb is a steward at the hospital.

Detectives engaged in looking into various matters in the interest of efficiency and reform report that Dr. Gammage last January signed a certificate that he had formally vacated

ated "Elsie" against smallpox. The certificate, signed personally by Gammage, was the only vaccination certificate signed by him in his five years at the hospital, the investigators say. The detectives, investigating "Elsie" and her work, found that the pay checks were indorsed with that name and that below appeared the name "A. E. Webb." Both names were in the same handwriting. They had been put through a bank at which Webb does business, according to an official of the staff.

And what do you suppose this official goes on to say about "Elsie"? Why, merely this: "We have the statement of several employees who say they were ordered to carry the name on the pay roll and to mark 'Elsie' present every day. 'Elsie Smith' did not exist. She was simply an L. C. Smith typewriter used in the office."

Mr. Webb was peeved about the matter at first, but his old mother prevailed upon him to "fess up about 'Elsie'."

Dr. Gammage denied all knowledge of any pay roll padding. Nevertheless Health Commissioner Bundesen, who is new to the job, asked Dr. Gammage to take a leave of absence till "Elsie" could be completely investigated. Dr. Gammage refused. So Health Commissioner Bundesen suspended him.

## No Wonder They're Having a Good Time

DENVER.—M. and Mrs. Alexander Danlos of Paris are having the time of their lives visiting all over the United States. They were here to see J. H. Meyers. They arrived in New York September 11, and have visited acquaintances of wartime days in New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Buffalo, Chicago, Green Bay, St. Paul and Omaha. From here they went to Colorado Springs, and then to Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Kansas City, St. Louis and Charleston. At each city they expect to meet the boys whom they knew in France.

M. Danlos is a Paris lawyer. He speaks no English and his wife speaks out little. Nevertheless they have had no difficulty in following their itinerary. "You see," the French woman explained, "if we get into a railroad station and do not know what to do, we start to talk French as loud as we can. In a minute we see some young fellow grinning and then we know he has been in the American expeditionary forces, so we get him to help us out. Everybody in America has been so kind to us that we feel at home wherever we go."

J. H. Meyers is one of the Ameri-



cans who enjoyed the Danlos' hospitality in France. He says that their country place at Meusnes, in the center of the St. Alban rest area, is a bright spot in the memory of any A. E. F. man who was fortunate enough to have been billeted there. Madame Danlos, he says, was a nurse par excellence and that dozens of American boys received tender care at her hands. Since their wartime guests returned to the United States Madame Danlos has kept up regular correspondence with 60 of them. She knows just which ones have married, which ones have children and what the new arrivals' names are. She has invited them all to come back "wiz see wife an' ze babies."

## Do Not Overcrowd the Poor Flivver!



DES MOINES, IA.—The next prohibition in order, gentlemen, is you must not allow your lady friend to sit in your lap. In the privacy of the parlor, yes—if she is willing—but emphatically not in the seat of an automobile.

Twenty women, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance union, the Young Women's Christian association, the Woman's club of this city, the Travelers' Aid society, the Ministerial association, the Girls' Community club and the Young Men's Christian association met with Chief of Police John R. Hammond here and demanded in a resolution that the city council pass an ordinance prohibiting the loading of automobiles to the point "that the girls have to sit on the men's laps." The meeting was called by Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

A petition addressed to the city council, now being circulated, states that immoral conditions in Iowa cities are largely due to practices in automobiles and taxicabs.

"We call your attention to the rapidly growing evil of young girls riding in automobiles seated on the laps of young men," the petition reads. "This leads to undue familiarity and the 'parked car' evil."

"We believe that these dangers to our young manhood and our young womanhood can be very largely prevented by the adoption of proper ordinances with adequate penalties prohibiting the practices referred to."

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# World Weather Station Urged

Internationally Owned and Operated Wireless Bureau at Baffin Bay Is Planned.

## U. S. OFFICIALS ENTHUSIASTIC

Would Help Observers Who Are Often Handicapped by Unforeseen Weather Changes, Originating in Northern Canada.

Washington.—An internationally owned and operated wireless weather observation station on the shores of Baffin bay, to supply data for the world's weather services, has been proposed, and steps are being taken to insure its installation.

Baffin bay is pretty far north, as a glance at a map of the top of our continent will show. Cold winds blow cheerfully much of the time, ice and snow hold sway over the land and sea for a good portion of the year, and the life of those stationed there, cut off from the world except by radio, would not be of the easiest, but the values of their services to the world would be inestimable, it is said.

## U. S. Officials Enthusiastic.

Officials of the United States weather bureau are enthusiastic over the proposal and will urge the participation of the government in the co-operative scheme. They point out the valuable work of the international weather observation station on the lonely little island of Jen Mayen, off the southwest coast of Greenland, where reports are sent to all the European government meteorological services, as well as to the Canadian and United States weather bureaus. V. Bjerkus Ekeroth, a Norwegian scientist and meteorologist, through whose efforts the Jen Mayen station was erected, has been

## Jailed for Stealing One Kiss as He Helped Girl

Frank Dunn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was sentenced to 15 days in the workhouse by Magistrate Ellipson for kissing Margaret Svenson.

Something lodged in the girl's eye while she was walking along the street and Dunn offered to remove it for her. He removed the irritating object and, without asking for his recompense, he gave the girl a resounding kiss. She then had him arrested.

## Campaigning Against Vivisection



The children of California are up in arms against the movement to subject all dogs to vivisection, which is planned as a state law and proposed as an amendment up for decision at the coming elections. The children oppose the law, and have arranged a strenuous campaign urging their elders who vote to cast their vote against acceptance of the law. Placards declare the family pets, and outside of school hours the youngsters are not slow to let the voters know how they feel about it. Here are some of the young campaigners and their pets.

## FIND SOME USE FOR WASTE FRUIT

Uncle Sam Shows Ways to Convert Culls Into Money.

Bureau of Chemistry of Agricultural Department Devise Methods of Using Citrus Fruits That Are Now Total Loss.

Washington.—How to turn waste into profit is the subject of a circular of the Agricultural department, prepared by the bureau of chemistry, to aid producers of oranges, grapefruit, limes and lemons, who yearly suffer great loss in bruised, undersized or over-sized fruit.

The circular gives directions for the commercial manufacture of grapefruit juice, orange vinegar, citrate of lime, candied grapefruit and orange peel, marmalades of various kinds, jellies and butters, which can be obtained from the department.

Since vinegar made from oranges is

in the United States and Canada for some time in the interest of the proposed Baffin bay station.

The great value to this country of such a station is shown by observers in the fact that they are often handicapped by the sudden arrival of unforeseen weather changes, originating in northern Canada, where there are few stations. Thousands of miles of the continent, up to the Arctic seas, hold no observation posts, nor means of messaging observations if any were made. The northernmost weather station in Canada is almost 41 degrees from the northern edge of the continent, which puts it far south, close to the international boundary line. Consequently, officials say, much weather which originates in that vast stretch of land is unobserved until it is right down upon us. For this reason, it was added, cold waves often bear down from the north in winter, and our weather bureau can give only scant warning.

A recent example of this sudden and unforeseen change occurred in a series

of showers that ended the long country-wide drought that gripped the country during August, September and early October. Continued dryness was predicted for some days because conditions were sluggish and no changes were observed within the scope of the reporting stations. Between two days, however, sudden showers swept down from the uncharted regions, freshened up the entire Atlantic seaboard and the Southern states, quenched destructive forest fires in Canada and brought an end to the drought.

If there were more stations farther north, it was said, the change could have been foreseen far ahead of its actual arrival, instead of in about two days or less, and farmers and others to whom weather conditions are important could have had longer warning to prepare.

It must be explained that through general interchanges the weather observations of nations are made available to all other countries having weather services, and to whom the data are important. Canadian stations therefore make observations which are as important to this country's weather service as though those stations were owned by the United States. The Baffin bay station would be financed and operated by the countries of the northern hemisphere to whom the data would be of value when reported by wireless.

# Yanks Rescue Wrecked Japs

Save Forty-Five Sailors From Drowning or Death From Bites of Centipedes.

## WENT ASHORE OFF MINDORO

Men of the Ryokai Maru Had Battle of Life on Coral Ledge—Vessel Comes to Grief in Treacherous Channel.

Manila.—Forty-five Japanese sailors, rescued through the efforts of an American destroyer and a naval tug from the wreck of the Japanese freighter Ryokai Maru, arrived at this port after a thrilling battle with death by sea from drowning and by land from giant centipedes, which infested the coral ledge on which they had found refuge.

The Ryokai Maru, bound from Java to Yokohama with a cargo of sugar, ran upon the deadly coral ledges of Pangasinan Bay, in the straits of Mindoro, three nights ago, according to the story told by Captain Mizuno of the wrecked steamship. The vessel was proceeding through the treacherous

channel, he stated, with a heavy fog hiding the shore, and a strong wind from the south that threw the vessel off her course and sent her suddenly crashing upon the reefs. As soon as the steamship struck the wind and tide swung her around, with her starboard side upon the reef and 150 fathoms of water in the port.

Radio Damaged. The shock of the collision damaged the radio so much that it was not for three hours that it could be used. An SOS was then sent out and was picked up by the naval radio station at Cavite. Captain Mizuno, commandant at Cavite, sent the destroyer Whipple racing for the scene at daylight, followed by the naval tug Wompatuck.

When day broke the position of the vessel was so precarious that Captain Mizuno decided to abandon ship. The forepeak was stove in and the vessel was grinding badly with every breaker and threatening to slide back into deep water, where she would have sunk like a plummet. Volunteers of the crew scrambled out on the reefs and managed to carry lines to the narrow ledge of the cay that seemed to offer refuge. As the men clambered up on the rocks a host of giant centipedes was discovered and several men were bitten, one of whom died shortly after.

That afternoon the Whipple bore in sight and the destroyer sent a boat in through the boiling surf to the stranded steamship. By clever seamanship the boat's crew managed to round under the Ryokai Maru's stern into a bit of shelter and the officer in charge boarded the freighter, where Captain Mizuno still remained. It was decided that the crew of the steamship were in comparative safety; and that it was not necessary to risk the eggshell destroyer in the swirling waters of the straits. The Whipple accordingly stood off and on until the Wompatuck arrived.

Rescued the Japanese. The staunch navy tug, under the guidance of Capt. "Dan" McGrew, ran in as far as she dared and, with her boats, rescued the Japanese from their precarious shelter on the ledge and then left the freighter to her fate. Wrecking experts say the chances of saving the vessel herself are very slim.

The Ryokai Maru was formerly the Orizanso, launched at Newcastle, England, in 1911 for the Gulf line. She was sold this year to the Yamamoto Kisen Shokai and was during the present voyage under charter to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

There is a marked resemblance between the dwarf chameleon, the little eight-inch long reptile which lives in the Kamerun of Africa, and that gigantic prehistoric reptile called Triceratops, which was 20 feet long and eight feet high.

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